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25X1 9. [] LIAISON Talked with Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee staff, about the cuts that have been made in the intelligence budget by the House Appropriations Committee and told him of our intention to write letters to both Chairman George Mahon (D., Texas) and Chairman John McClellan (D., Ark.) expressing our concern about these cuts and asking Senator McClellan for an opportunity to appear before the Senate Intelligence Operations Subcommittee to go into these subject areas in some depth. McConnell thought this made sense and further said that he thought straightening out the Reserve fund would be no great problem.

25X1 10. [] HEARINGS Paul Hoff, Senate Committee on Government Operations staff, called to inquire whether we had seen the notice in the Congressional Record of the proposed Committee hearings on congressional oversight of the intelligence community. The hearings are scheduled for the week of 2 December. I replied that we had seen the notice and had brought it to the Director's attention. Hoff said it was too early to send a formal request to the Director to testify, but that one would be forthcoming when their schedule became clearer. I told Hoff that of course I could not speak for the Director, but that congressional oversight of the Agency was unquestionably one of the major questions we were facing and that my personal opinion was the Director would want to testify. Hoff said he would be back in touch as their plans began to shape up.

✓ I raised with Hoff the status of the lobbying legislation which the Committee has been considering for approximately six months. He said that the Committee was taking a narrow approach on the subject and that a new Committee bill would be introduced soon and hearings held shortly thereafter.

25X1 11. [] LEGISLATION Bill Hogan, Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called regarding an opinion he was writing on the disclosures by the House Select Committee in the light of the Rules of the House of Representatives and the resolution establishing the Select Committee. Although initially not so disposed, after a lengthy discussion Mr. Hogan agreed with my views which had been communicated to Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, some time ago in a written form.

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